

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for re-shaping a coating applied to a surface of a component comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a collet including an end portion having an arm that carries a coating adjusting mechanism;

(b) disposing the collet about the surface of the component; and

(c) engaging ~~disposing~~ a sleeve with ~~about~~ the collet so as to move the coating adjusting mechanism into engagement with the coating applied to the surface of the component to re-shape the coating on the surface of the component.

2. (Previously Amended) The method defined in Claim 1 wherein said step (a) is performed by providing a coating adjusting mechanism including a wheel that is rotatably supported on said arm.

3. (Original) The method defined in Claim 2 wherein said step (a) is performed by providing a wheel that has a protrusion formed on an outer circumferential surface thereof.

4. (Original) The method defined in Claim 2 wherein said step (a) is performed by providing a wheel that has a circumferentially extending ridge formed on an outer circumferential surface thereof.

5. (Original) The method defined in Claim 2 wherein said step (a) is performed by providing a wheel that has a plurality of circumferentially extending ridges formed on an outer circumferential surface thereof.

6. (Original) The method defined in Claim 1 wherein said step (a) is performed by providing a collet including an end portion having a plurality of arms, each of which carries a coating adjusting mechanism.

7. (Original) The method defined in Claim 1 wherein said step (a) is performed by providing a collet having an alignment mechanism adapted to engage the component for aligning the coating adjustment mechanism with the surface of the component.

8. (Original) The method defined in Claim 1 wherein said step (a) is performed by providing a collet having a threaded surface, and wherein said step (c) is performed by threading a nut onto the threaded surface of the collet to engage the sleeve so as to move the coating adjustment mechanism into engagement with the coating applied to the surface of the component.

9. (Original) The method defined in Claim 1 further including a step (d) of moving the collet and the sleeve relative to the component such that the coating adjusting mechanism engages and re-shapes the coating along the surface of the component.

10 - 17 (Cancelled).